Statement

The estimated production of cotton during 1984-85, 1985-86 *and by the end of* 1986-87 *are as follows:*

(In lakh bales)

State	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Punjab/Haryana/Rajasthan	21.50	26.00	31.00
Gujarat	21.10	21.00	15.00
Maharashtra	17.25	27.00	16.00
Madhya Pradesh	9.75	7.00	7.50
Andhra Pradesh	15.86	13.25	12.00
Karnataka	8.70	6.50	6.50
Tamil Nadu	6.84	5.50	6.25
Others	0.50	0.75	0.75
TOTAL	101.50	107.00	95.00

During 1984-85, 1985-86 a quantity of 2.95 lakh bales and 4.50 lakh bales respectively was exported. In terms of the long-term export policy on cotton, 5 lakh bales of long/extra long staple cotton and 50,000 bales each of Bengal Deshi and Digvijay varieties will be exported per year for a period of 3 years with effect from 1986-87. Government have already released a quantity of 2.67 lakh bales of long and extra long staple cotton, 50,000 bales of Bengal Delhi for export. Further quantities will be allocated at the appropriate time.

There is a spurt in the export demand for cotton. Government have already announced a long term export policy for cotton.

Utilisation of Modernization Fund for Jute Mill

1616. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the jute mills are not adequately availing themselves of the Rs. 250 crores Modernization cum-Rehabilitation Fund announced by the Prime Minister some months back; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Government has created a Jute Modernisation fund of Rs. 150 crores and has designated the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) as the Nodal Agency to administer the same. As per the information available from Industrial Finance Corporation of India(IFCI) and Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI), 8 mills have already submitted application forms for grant of loan under the above scheme. It is further reported that another 39 jute mills have already taken application forms and their responses are awaited. It is, therefore, too early to state that the response from jute mills to the above scheme is not adequate.